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Subject: Clean Waters Act, ATTN:Docket No. OW-2002-0050

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Dear Sirs

I urge you to resist weakening of the Clean Waters Act, to urge Congress to restore protection to isolated wetlands and ponds, and to delay implementation of the proposed changes until Congress can act. These wetlands are not only important to birds and other wildlife, but also serve as sinks in times of excessive rainfall and help to minimize flooding. Once paved over and developed, these resources are gone forever. Surely there is enough land in this country to satisfy developers without harming our environment.

Yours truly,
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